



Meeting Summary

Executive Committee

January 17, 2006

Amberley Village Municipal Building
7149 Ridge Road
8:30 AM–10:30 AM

PARTICIPANTS: Gary Blomberg, Montgomery
Chris Gilbert, Springfield Township
Tom Moeller, Madeira
Mike Hinnenkamp, Springfield Township
Chuck Kamine, Amberley Village

Andy Dobson, HCRPC
Ron Miller, HCRPC
Steve Johns, Citizens for Civic Renewal

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Candidates for Officer Elections
2. Project Ideas to Discuss
3. Program for January 26 Membership Meeting
Steve Johns, Citizens for Civic Renewal
Officer elections
Quarterly goals for 2006
4. Other Business

DISCUSSION: *Officer Candidates*
(conclusions and decisions) Chuck Kamine agreed to serve as chair for 2006. Tom Moeller will remain as vice-chair and Mike Hinnenkamp as treasurer. David Savage will remain on the Executive Committee and will be joined by Mark Wendling from Silverton. Gary Blomberg will convene the Membership Meeting and run the election process on January 26.

Project Ideas
RPC Staff has researched or made progress on four different projects: Main Street Program, land banking, development fund, and Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S). These four were not specifically selected by the Executive Committee for development, but general interest was shown by either the membership or one of the project committees in learning more about them.

Ron Miller suggested another project might be a joint marketing study for several first suburban business districts. Mark Miller (formerly with Marketing Development Inc.) has talked with Ron and suggests that pooling several communities together in one study would cost less per community than if they each pursued their own study. Lloyd Bernstein with LMB Associates has also

offered this service to FSC-SW.

Chris Gilbert who heads the Neighborhood Redevelopment Committee pointed out that the project committees are ready to begin work but are waiting for direction from the Executive Committee.

Gary raised the question of how the committees (and the Executive Committee) should select a project. Andy provided a list of possible projects with today's agenda. Gary led a discussion of the suggestions on the list and asked for any additional ideas that should be considered.

Legislative Committee

- targeted or local lobbying
 - SCIP funds
 - OKI funds
 - HamCo ED funds
- eminent domain
- Wolpert Committee recommendations
- gubernatorial forums
- abandoned property legislation

Neighborhood Revitalization Committee

- targeted commercial district rehab
- Main Street Program
- Realtor Ambassador Program
- First Suburbs marketing study
- HCRPC Community Impact Initiative

Intergovernmental Cooperation Committee

- Joint economic development districts
- land bank
- development fund
- Countywide CNBDU
- Partnerships with Center for Local Government and Hamilton County Development Company for implementation

Transportation/Infrastructure Committee

- leveraging MSD redevelopment work
- safe routes to schools
- Working with Metro on bus routes to better serve first suburbs

There was some discussion about whether one project should be assigned to each committee or if there should be one overall project that each committee contributes to. Mike Hinnenkamp suggested that one overall project would be a better approach.

From the Executive Committee's discussion in December, there is strong interest in finding out more about land bank programs and how FSC-SW could create one in Hamilton County. Cleveland has an active program which could be a model, and Genesee County, Michigan has a very well-known system in place. The

director of the Genesee program is scheduled to speak at the Planning Partnership annual meeting this year. Chris Gilbert is familiar with land banks and can help research how one could be started.

Chuck asked Andy to find answers to a few questions before we proceed with a land bank program:

1. How many tax foreclosures were filed in 2005?
2. How many were sold at Sheriff's Sale?
3. How many tax foreclosures in FSC communities?
4. How many involved properties with overdue taxes greater than appraised value?
5. What is the difference between tax forfeitures and tax foreclosures?
6. What is the average time between first non-payment of taxes and sale at Sheriff's Sale?

Program for January 26 Membership Meeting

Steve Johns from Citizens for Civic Renewal presented an overview of material he would like to bring to the Membership Meeting. OKI in preparing periodic updates to its transportation plan makes population projections across the metro area based on past trends. The current plan includes population projections that—if accurate—will have serious impacts on first suburban communities. Since OKI bases their transportation funding in part on projected population, it is Citizens for Civic Renewal's position that these projections deserve more scrutiny.

Steve will present this information and answer questions at the Membership meeting.

Other Business

Andy will prepare a memo explaining the land bank program idea and distribute it to the Executive Committee prior to the Membership meeting.

Gary raised the question of dues payments and whether members who have not paid their 2006 dues have standing to vote at the upcoming Membership meeting. Andy will check on which members have paid and contact Chuck.

NEXT MEETING: Membership Meeting
Thursday January 26, 2006
Drake Conference Center
6:00 PM–8:00 PM

Executive Committee
February 13, 2006
Amberley Village Administration Building
8:30 AM–10:00 AM
